

Columbia

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Tolland County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Windham Planning Area

Incorporated in 1804

Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	White	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	3,386	114,823	3,107,580	Black	4,762	121,939	2,648,212
1990	4,510	128,699	3,287,116	Asian Pacific	21	2,647	274,213
1998	4,925	131,380	3,271,239	Native American	41	3,582	73,304
2003	5,140	134,273	3,272,149	Other	0	231	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	4.37%	2.20%	0.03%	Hispanic (any race)	1	85	5,336
					100	2,896	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	21.36	410.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	0.11%	4.65%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	230.57	320.38	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$26,438	\$22,996	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,765	46,615	1,229,087	High School Graduate	957	31.3%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	38.7	34.9	37.2	Some College	818	26.8%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	909	29.7%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	179 7%	476 20%	148 6%	978 40%	404 17%	256 10%	2,441
Female	177 7%	439 18%	161 6%	977 39%	415 17%	315 13%	2,484
County Total	8,422 6%	21,710 17%	17,049 13%	51,434 39%	19,201 15%	13,564 10%	131,380
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	5	2.6%	12	1.1%	David N Bell	\$2,710,320	1.09%
Const. and Mining	82	42.1%	228	21.2%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$2,286,200	0.92%
Manufacturing	3	1.5%	159	14.8%	Columbia Manufacturing Inc.	\$1,244,820	0.50%
Trans. And Utilities	9	4.6%	40	3.7%	Audrey M Tuttle	\$1,042,280	0.42%
Trade	21	10.8%	144	13.4%	Algonquin Gas Trans. Co. # 2	\$941,400	0.38%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10	5.1%	38	3.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$249,762,260	
Services	60	30.8%	359	33.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	5	2.6%	96	8.9%	Columbia Manufacturing	Eastconn	
Total	195	100.0%	1,076	100.0%	Columbia Ford	United Services	
					Horace Porter School		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$28,423,574	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
Total Students	657	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,528	\$8,300		Reading	56 55	66 60	75 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$43,524	\$48,598		Math	54 59	42 52	67 51		
Students Attending Public School	92.3%	89.2%		Writing	49 46	48 46	67 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.0	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	60.6%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	4.1%	4.6%		Verbal		505	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		531	499		
Kindergarten 17.5	Grade 2 16.8								
Grade 5 22.3	Grade 7 21.3	High School 18.4							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$854,951
		As % of Expenditures	10.9%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$8,215,773	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$7,871,850
Tax Revenue	\$5,044,325	Education	\$5,512,816
Non-tax Revenue	\$431,002	Other	\$2,359,034
Intergovernmental	\$2,740,446	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$10,430,000
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,003	As % of Expenditures	132.5%
As % of State Average	70.4%	Per Capita	\$2,172
		As % of State Average	208.7%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/92
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.00
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	14.41
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	5.3%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,928	49,824	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	94.4%	72.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	9	603	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	17	523	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	51	1,025	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.88%	1.05%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	9	139	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	2	22	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	1	19	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	70	1,791	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	5	4,036
Average Price	\$143,174	\$129,581	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$135,000	\$126,500	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,411	31,919	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	20.4%	22.2%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	62	4,509	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	2,579	69,117	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	2,488	66,320	1,635,400	1. Columbia	286	Windham 412
Unemployed	91	2,797	87,900	2. Windham	112	Hartford 364
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.1%	5.1%	3. Lebanon	72	Columbia 286
Total Employment	750	35,660	1,581,700	4. Mansfield	70	East Hartford 190
Manufacturing	150	4,010	265,850	5. Hebron	36	Manchester 171
'92-'97 Growth Rate	8.7%	6.5%	4.3%	6. Colchester	34	Mansfield 156
Daytime Population	1,250	35,990	1,740,247	7. Coventry	30	Windsor 73
				8. Durham	19	Glastonbury 61
				9. Plainfield	15	Middletown 58
				10. Hartford	14	Hebron 55

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Total Volumes	27,027	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	4	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Hartford	20	CTG Resources
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	80	860-727-3000
Per 1,000 Residents	14.5	40	New York City	111	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	79.5%	68.8%	Providence	47	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
					Cable Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Charter Communications of Northeastern CT
Total Beds	0	191			800-872-7299